

Michigan's TOP 10 Strategic Education Plan

MISSION

Support learning and learners

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Every learner in Michigan's public schools will have an inspiring, engaging, and caring learning environment that fosters creative and critical thinkers who believe in their ability to positively influence Michigan and the world beyond.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

1. All students have access to high-quality instruction regardless of their gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity, race, economic status, native language, or physical, emotional, and cognitive abilities to close the student achievement and opportunity gaps that currently exist.
2. All educators are encouraged to be creative and innovative. All educators are adequately compensated and respected for their professionalism, and have the resources, support, and training needed to educate students.
3. All students are encouraged to express their creativity, have voice in their own learning, feel connected to their schools, and have authentic, meaningful relationships with educators.
4. All students are provided every opportunity to achieve the broadest range of life dreams.
5. Families and communities are essential partners of teachers, support staff, and administrators in the education of students.
6. In support of students and their achievement, the Michigan Department of Education is coordinated, aligned, and properly resourced, and collaborates with school districts and a wide range of partners and stakeholders.

GOALS

- Expand early childhood learning opportunities
- Improve early literacy achievement
- Improve the health, safety, and wellness of all learners
- Expand secondary learning opportunities for all students
- Increase the percentage of all students who graduate from high school
- Increase the percentage of adults with a post-secondary credential
- Increase the numbers of certified teachers in areas of shortage
- Provide adequate and equitable school funding

METRICS

Metrics are a critical component of the Top 10 Strategic Education Plan. Metrics have been identified for each goal and will be reviewed and reported annually.

CONTRIBUTIONS

To support the implementation of the Top 10 Strategic Education Plan, a three-pronged approach has been developed. First, the education community is encouraged to share their contributions to each of the goals on the MDE website. The online repository provides the opportunity for hard work to be viewed and replicated. Additionally, educator convenings related to each goal will be held to discuss best practices, identify the research that supports the practice, and discuss the positive effects of the practice on student outcomes. Furthermore, a series of written documents will be developed and shared online that highlight best practices for each goal area.

To learn more about how your organization can contribute to the success of the strategic education plan, or how MDE can support your efforts, visit the [MDE website](#).

